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BEHOLD, MORTALS, THE ETERNALS! CREATED BY COSMIC BEINGS CALLED THE CELESTIALS AND TASKED WITH SAFEGUARDING THE EARTH, THE ETERNALS ARE AN IMMORTAL GROUP OF HEROES WHOSE NEAR LIMITLESS POWER IS UNLIKE ANYTHING HUMANITY HAS EVER KNOWN!


MAKKARI


SERSI

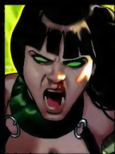

THENA


IKARIS


GILGAMESH

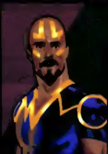

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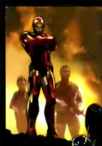

JOEY (Thena's Son)



FRUSTRATED BY THE INCREASINGLY TAXING LABORS REQUIRED OF MAKKARI BY THE DREAMING CELESTIAL, SERSI ATTEMPTS TO SECURE THE ANSWERS SHE SEEKS THROUGH FORCE. MOMENTS BEFORE THE DREAMING CELESTIAL'S AUTOMATIC DEFENSE SYSTEMS CAN DESTROY SERSI, MAKKARI ARRIVES TO RESCUE HER. HOWEVER, HE IS POSSESSED BY THE DREAMING CELESTIAL HIMSELF, AND REVEALS TO SERSI HER ROLE IN THE TRIALS TO COME.

PHILLIP STOSS CONTINUES TO RESIST THENA & IKARIS'S IDEA THAT HE IS IN FACT THE ETERNAL KNOWN AS PHASTOS, BUT RECURRING DREAMS OF HIS FORMER LIFE PLAGUE HIM. WILL PHASTOS TAKE HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE AT THE OTHER ETERNALS' SIDE IN TIME TO PREVENT THEIR DESTRUCTION?





AS THE ETERNALS' ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT, TONY STARK DECIDES THAT S.H.I.E.L.D. CAN NO LONGER STAND IDLY BY. THOUGH STARK DOES NOT BELIEVE THE ETERNALS THEMSELVES TO BE A THREAT, THEIR RETICENCE TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH HIM WEARS ON HIS PATIENCE.

DRUIG AND LEGBA TRAVEL TO BRAZIL IN THE HOPE OF SECURING AN ALLY, BUT INSTEAD DISCOVER AN AWAKENED GILGAMESH WHO SUMMARILY PROCEEDS TO UNLEASH HIS PUGILISTIC RAGE, LEAVING THE TWO AS NEAR DEATH AS IMMORTALS CAN BE! BRAIN-WASHED BY AJAK, HIS VENGEANCE BEGUN, THE FORGOTTEN ONE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THE BLOOD OF EVERY ETERNAL FLOWS BENEATH HIS FEET.



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DREAMSPACE: MAKKARI AND THE DREAMING CELESTIAL.

SCANNING THE (MINDS/MEMORIES) OF ALL LIFE-FORMS. CATALOGING EVERYTHING ANY LIVING BEING HAS WITNESSED DURING THEIR LIFE-SPAN.

EVERYTHING?

YES.

CAN HE SEE US?

YES.

WHY IS HE HERE?

IT IS THE WATCHER'S FUNCTION. TO (WITNESS/OBSERVE/SEE).

SINCE HIS ACTIVATION, HOWEVER, HE HAS DEVIATED FROM HIS (MANDATE/DESIGN), INTERVENING IN HUMAN AFFAIRS ON THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN SEPARATE OCCASIONS.

THE WATCHER IS EVIDENTLY DEFECTIVE. I WILL ALERT THE FULCRUM WHEN MY SCAN IS COMPLETE.

THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD FOR HIM.

I HAVE DETECTED THAT THE HORDE HAS INSERTED A (SCOUT/AGENT/UNIT 2934.78) ON EARTH WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE.
WHAT...?
HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
EARLY DETECTION OF AGGRESSIVE ELEMENTS HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED. MY TASKS HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE PRIORITIZED--
GOT IT. TOO BUSY FLOATING AROUND IN SPACE, SCANNING EVERY-THING...
...I CAN SEE HOW THAT WOULD BE WAY MORE IMPORTANT THAN KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR HORDE SCOUTS!
IT IS GOOD YOU (UNDERSTAND/KNOW/AGREE).
OH, SURE. WITH ALL THAT ON YOUR PLATE, IT'S A WONDER YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH YOUR DAMN TIVO!
NEVERTHELESS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE (SCOUT/AGENT/UNIT 2934.78) IS EXTERMINATED BEFORE IT CAN TRANSMIT FURTHER INTELLI-GENCE TO THE HORDE.
FINE. WHAT DOES ONE OF THESE... SCOUTS LOOK LIKE?

(SCOUT/AGENT/UNIT 2934.78) IS INSERTED AS A PROTO-SENTIENT SPORE THAT INFECTS ITS PRE-SELECTED HOST-ORGANISM AND FORMS A BIO-NEXUS WITH ITS NEO-CORTEX.
IT THEN OBSERVES AND RECORDS, BURST-TRANSMITTING SALIENT INTELLIGENCE TO THE HORDE HIVE-MIND--
OKAY, FINE. I GOT IT. THE THING TAKES OVER A HUMAN HOST. SO HOW DO WE FIGURE OUT WHO IT IS?
ANTARCTICA, OLYMPIA. LIBRARY OF THE ETERNALS. JOEY ELIOT.
THERE IS NO NEED TO DO SO...
...I HAVE ALREADY LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED THE SYMBIONT.
UNIT 2934.78 TRANSMITTING. MONITOR AND DISSEMINATE.
ANTARCTICA, OLYMPIA. OBSERVATION CENTER. SERSI.
ALERT. FLAGGED PSI-TRANSMISSION CHANNEL B1333487.2 NOW ACTIVE.
TRIANGULATE SOURCE TO LOCATION.
TRIANGULATING...
C'MON... WHERE ARE YOU...?

TRANSMISSION CLOSED. TRIANGULATION ABORTED.

DAMN IT!

LOCATION. TRANSMISSION SOURCE. GENERAL PARAMETER PRIOR TO ABORT.

WORKING...

TRANSMISSION SOURCE LOCATED WITHIN FOUR KILOMETER RANGE OF COORDINATES 87°10'27.62" SOUTH, 8°29'47.51" WEST.

WHA...?

SERSI! *THERE* YOU ARE...

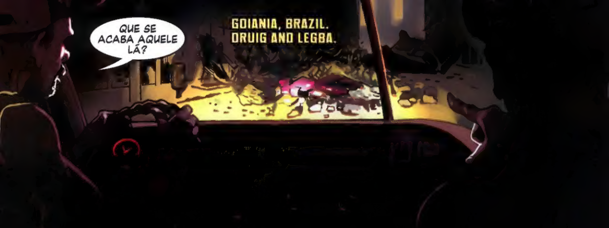




THE TRANSMISSIONS ARE TOO ABBREVIATED TO GET AN EXACT FIX ON THE SOURCE LOCATION, BUT IT *LOOKS* LIKE...

WHAT?

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM SOMEWHERE *INSIDE THIS BASE.*


GOIANIA, BRAZIL.
DRUIG AND LEGBA.
QUE SE ACABA AQUELE LÁ?


ESTÃO INOPERANTES?
CHEIRAM INOPERANTES.

SIM. ESTÃO INOPERANTES.

DEVEMOS NÓS CHAMAR AS POLÍCIAS?
NÃO AGORA...
TAP! TAP!

...EU GOSTO DE SEUS CARREGADORES.







HRRRRAGGG...!

MACACOS! VOCÊ OUSA ANDAR NOS CARREGADORES DE UM DEUS?

ZUFFENHAUSEN, GERMANY.
ZIFF-ENGEL MOTORWERKS.
IKARIS AND THENA.

THAT WAS A WASTE.

ZIFF-ENGEL MOTORWERKS

STOP

NOT NOW, IKARIS.

WE'VE TRIED IT YOUR WAY, AND IT **DOESN'T** WORK.

IT **WILL** WORK. I JUST NEED MORE **TIME--**

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EXACTLY THE **ONE** THING WE DON'T HAVE!

WE ARE TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF A **WAR.** WE NEED TO RECRUIT OTHERS TO OUR SIDE--

I KNOW THAT!

GOOD! SO MAYBE WE CAN STOP TRYING TO **PSYCHO-BABBLE** PHASTOS INTO FINDING HIS "INNER-ETERNAL"!

AND **THEN** WHAT?! DO IT YOUR **WAY!** THROW HIM IN THE DEEP END AND PRAY HE **SWIMS!**

WE'VE **TRIED** THAT! THEY END UP IN AN ISOLATION UNIT FOR, WHAT? TWO WEEKS, **MINIMUM.** THREE, FOUR MORE WEEKS BEFORE THE **NIGHTMARES** STOP...

NO! WE DO IT **MY** WAY, OR--

breep! breep!

SAVED BY THE BELL...

WILL YOU PLEASE JUST **SHUT... UP?!**

HELLO?

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. MAKKARI.
THENA, YOU HAVE TO TELEPORT TO OLYMPIA RIGHT AWAY!
WHAT FOR?
BECAUSE WE HAVE A HORDE MOLE IN OUR GROUP AND IT'S JOEY.
JOEY?!
THAT'S--THAT'S RIDICULOUS! HE'S ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD!
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S A SYMBIONT. IT'S USING JOEY AS A HOST.
I'D TELEPORT MYSELF, BUT I'M GONNA NEED ALL THE ENERGY I'VE GOT TO CONTACT THE CELESTIAL FOR HELP ONCE I ARRIVE...
BUT--
NO "BUTS," THENA! I NEED YOU THERE TO ISOLATE HIM UNTIL I ARRIVE.
NOW!


THENA...?

I'VE GOT TO GO.

WHAT ARE YOU--?

GREAT! JUST... ***GREAT!***
‹PROBLEM HERE, SIR?›
‹YEAH, YOU MIGHT SAY THAT...›

‹...SHE FORGOT TO LEAVE ME THE DAMNED ***KEYS!***›


IKARIS. THAT PREENING DULLARD...


WHAT'D YOU DO HERE?
TO LURE US INTO THIS COWARDLY AMBUSH WAS INSULTING ENOUGH...


...BUT TO USE THAT... THAT LUMBERING SIMPLETON, GILGAMESH, TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK!
IT IS BENEATH CONTEMPT!


THIS GUTLESS AFFRONT WILL NOT GO UNAVENGED...
WE WILL FOLLOW THAT RAGING OAF TO THE VERY GATES OF OLYMPIA IF NEED BE... TURN HIM TO OUR ENDS.
SO, UHM... DRUIG?
YES, WHAT?!

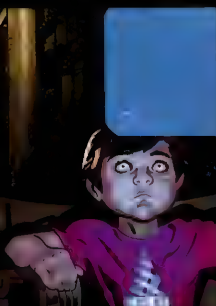

DID YOU TURN THOSE GUYS INSIDE OUT?




THEY TRIED TO STEAL MY BOOTS.


PROXIMITY ALERT.


JOEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?




HE'S CONDUCTING A FULL SCAN.


BASE LOCATIONS. EVERY OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE TACTIC. OUR WEAPON AND ARMOR SPECS, CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES...
HE'S A SPY, ZURAS.


THAT'S ABSURD! HE IS JUST A CHILD!
EXPOSURE EVENT IMMINENT. INITIATING SELF-ATOMIZATION PROCESS.
TWENTY SECONDS TO TOTAL NEURAL LIQUIFICATION...
...FIFTEEN SECONDS...


THERE'S A PERFECTLY LOGICAL EXPLANA-TION FOR ALL OF THIS!
WHY...ALL YOU HAVE TO ***DO*** IS LOOK INTO THE BOY'S EYES TO KNOW...
...NINE SECONDS...


...TO KNOW...
...FOUR SECONDS...
...OH, GOD. OH, GOD, NO...
...THREE... TWO...ONE...

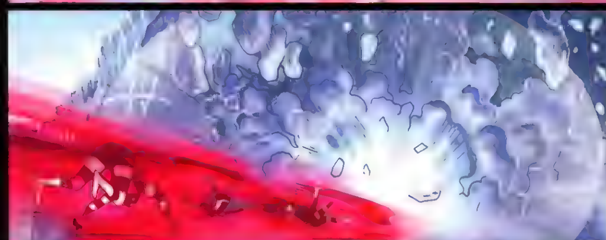

GAAA-AAA-AAA-AAAA!


JOEY...?
JOEY!
OH, NO... NO...

FATHER, I--
JOEY...?
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM?!
CHARCOT ISLAND ANTARCTICA.
SERSI...


SERSI, RESPOND, PLEASE. I'M--


KRAK!





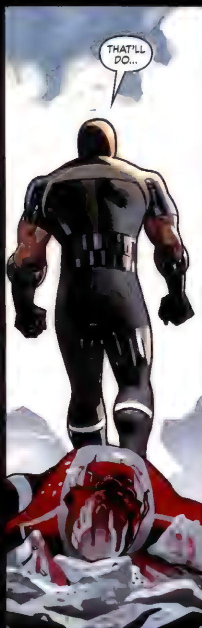
BETRAYER!
YOU WILL SUFFER FOR YOUR TREACHERY!

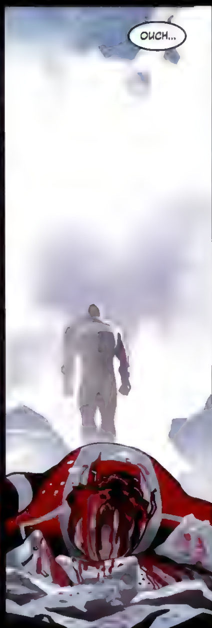
GILGAMESH...

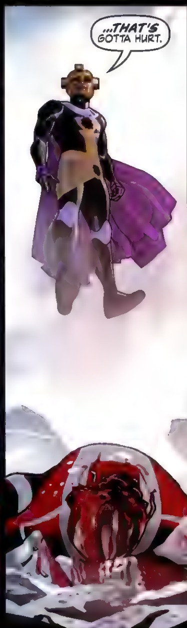

KRUNCH!


GAH!


KRAKK!







MAKKARI, WHERE **ARE** YOU?! RESPOND, PLEASE...!





"...EVERYTHING'S FALLING APART."




I DEDICATED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO THE CELESTIALS TO BE AJAK, THEIR CHOSEN ONE, AJAK, THEIR MESSENGER.


...WHILE YOU WERE RUNNING, SAVORING YOUR POWERS, YOUR SPEED, I WAS STUDYING THEM, WORSHIPPING THEM.
UHHHHH...


I SACRIFICED EVERYTHING FOR THEM.
AND NOW...?

...IT'S YOUR TURN.


CONNECTION WITH (MESSENGER/HOST/ MAKKARI) TERMINATED.
SAN FRANCISCO, GOLDEN GATE PARK.


INITIATE (SONG/SEQUENCE/FAIL-SAFE).


INITIATING...


AICHO AICHO MINNO MAU,
AICHO AICHO MINNO MAU,
AICHO AICHO MINNO MAU...

LOS ANGELES, DODGER STADIUM.

AICHO AICHO MINNO MAU...

NEW YORK, TIMES SQUARE.

AICHO AICHO MINNO MAU...

TAXI FARE

LONDON, THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

AICHO AICHO MINNO MAU...



AICHO

PARIS, FRANCE.

AICHO

AGRA, INDIA.



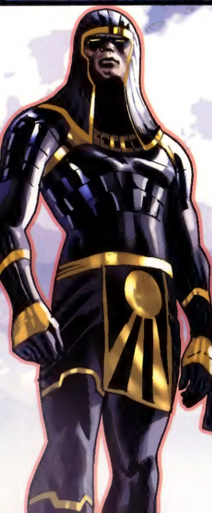
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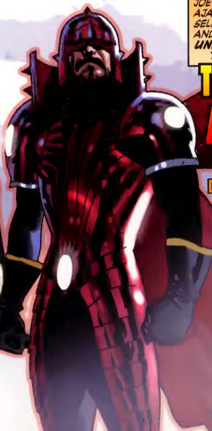












CLAWING FOR PURCHASE WITHIN THE FRAGILE BOUNDS OF YOUR SHATTERED SANITY, GOOD READER?? POOR LITTLE JOEY...**DEAD!** MAKKARI...**INCINERATED!** AJAK...**THE BETRAYER!** STRAP YOURSELF TO THE **EDGE OF YOUR SEAT** AND PREPARE TO BECOME UTTERLY **UNHINGED,** BECAUSE, NEXT MONTH, **THE WORLD WILL KNOW...**

THE SLEEP OF THE DAMNED!

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